



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 033528-001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Erin Jessica LINDSAY)
Application No.: 10/614,183) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: July 8, 2003) Examiner: To Be Assigned
For: VEIN DISSECTOR, CAUTERIZING) Confirmation No.: 7109
AND LIGATING APPARATUS FOR)
ENDOSCOPIC HARVESTING OF)
BLOOD VESSELS)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is/are Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449.
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

[] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

[] No additional claim fee is required.

[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	11	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0.00

[] A total fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

[] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page five of this paper.